

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After the resin is completely filled in the cavity 63, as shown in Fig. 10b, the movable core 67 is moved to a position retracted into the recess 66 of the male body portion 65 (the lowermost position in Figs. 10a and 10b, hereinafter referred to as "the retracted position"). Since the resin has already been substantially completely filled in the cavity 63 by this time, the movable core 67 moved to the retracted position enlarges the cavity 63 so that the resin thus far pressured is reduced in pressure thereby to foam the resin in the cavity 63. A reduced pressure foams not only the resin filled in the part of the cavity 63 where the distance is increased between the female die 61 and the movable core ~~62~~67 but also the resin filled in the part of the cavity 63 where this distance is substantially not increased (such as the part of the cavity 63 substantially parallel to the direction of movement of the movable core ~~62~~67). As a result, the resin is foamed substantially uniformly over the entire body portion 2 of the oil pan molded. Nevertheless, the resin in direct contact with the female die 61, the male die body portion 65 and the movable core 67, which has already been cooled and solidified by the time when the movable core 67 begins to move, is not substantially foamed even when the movable core 67 is moved. Finally, therefore, an oil pan 1 is molded with the surfaces not foamed but only the interior, sandwiched between the surfaces, foamed.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended Abstract.